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Applicant(s): Stephen M. Weeks
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Method

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed document listed on the attached copy of PTO Form 1449. In Sections I-IV, below, the paragraph(s) marked with an "x" in the requisite space are applicable to this Information Disclosure Statement.

I. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

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identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believe(s) that no fee or certification is required.

☒ (b) **Applicant(s) believe(s) the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is entitled to the benefit of 37 CFR §1.97 (b) (3) as it is being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believe(s) that no fee or certification is required.**

☐ (c) Applicant(s) believe(s) the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is entitled to the benefit of 37 CFR §1.97 (b) (4) as it is being submitted before the mailing of an Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believe(s) that no fee for certification is required.

☐ (d) Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:

- ☐ a certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e); or
- ☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 (p);
- ☐ a check for this fee is enclosed herewith; or
- ☐ please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1662.

II. PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 (d)

☐ a) Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 (d), applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) state(s) that the issue fee has not been paid and that a certification under 37 CFR §1.97 (e) is provided herein, along with the petition fee of \$130.00 required under 37 CFR §1.17 (i) (1);

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b) The information disclosure fee of \$200.00 required by 37 CFR §1.17 (p) is believed to be due, and

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III. CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 (e) (1)

☐ The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Art was cited in ___ mailed ___ in the ___ No. ___ corresponding to ___, filed ___.

☐ A copy of the search report by the ___ is enclosed herewith.

IV. CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 (e) (2)

☐ The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual having a duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation by the undersigned as to personal knowledge of the contents of every word or phrase of the material enclosed or that reliance on other suitably trained professionals has not been made.

If a search report of a governmental or international or regional bureau searching agency is enclosed identifying the nature of the relevance of each document, such a designation is deemed to satisfy 37 CFR §1.98(a) (3) even if in a foreign language, since the few terms of relevance therein are deemed of universal cognizance. However, applicant does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

The information herein cited is only in fulfillment of Applicant's(s') duty of candor in disclosing all information brought to Applicant's(s') attention. This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

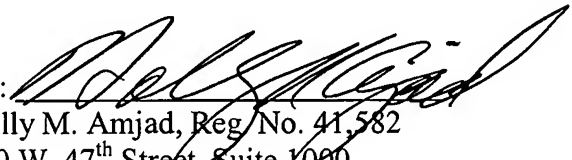
Applicant(s) further reserve(s) the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1662.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto and transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant
Form PTO/SB/08A (with a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,345,262)
- ☒ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
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